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Re: Stetzer Road Landfill, Bucyrus, Ohio

Dear Mr. El-Zein,

The Ohio EPA requests U.S. EPA assistance in conducting a potential removal assessment at the Stetzer Road Landfill, 4676 Stetzer Road, Liberty Township northeast of Bucyrus, OH. The Stetzer Road Landfill operated from approximately 1968 through 1971. During this period, it is alleged that Swan Rubber Company of Bucyrus disposed an estimated 720 drums of waste per year for the life of the landfill. According to recently obtained information and historic health department records, the drums contained an oil water mixture with possible solvents. Unfortunately no analytical data is available to verify the composition of the waste.

* The site is currently owned by the Thomas Betts Company who purchased the property from Amerace in the mid 1990s. ~~Anchor Swan Rubber~~ was a subsidiary of Amerace. The landfill is located on a floodplain and seasonal flooding of the Sandusky River comes in contact with exposed wastes. The City of Bucyrus obtains drinking water downstream. In addition, the site is unsecured and there is evidence that locals use the fill area for recreational 4-wheeling.

It should be noted that Ohio EPA recommended a NFRAP designation in 1984 after conducting limited sampling as part of a site investigation. Recently, new information came to light when a former USDA Soil and Water Conservation employee who witnessed the disposal of drums at the landfill contacted our Northwest District Office. With this new credible information, Ohio EPA believes the Stetzer Road Landfill should be investigated in more detail to verify the drum disposal plus conduct sampling and analyses of wastes to identify the hazards posed. A more comprehensive assessment of the drummed wastes will provide needed information to determine future action.

Attached is a referral package containing additional information from Ohio EPA's Northwest District Office. Ohio EPA's Northwest District Office site coordinator is Steve Snyder. If you have any questions or would like additional information, Steve can be reached at 419-373-3040.

Please let me know what you think and feel free to call me at 614/836-8752 with any questions.

Sincerely,


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